State Water Resources Control Board



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NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) SCOPING MEETING

Proposed Revisions to the Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California

Friday, November 12, 2004 – 10:00 a.m. Sierra Hearing Room – Second Floor Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building 1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

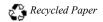
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Water Quality (DWQ), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will hold a CEQA scoping meeting to seek input on the scope and content of the environmental information which should be included in the draft Functional Equivalent Document (FED) that will be prepared for the proposed revisions to the Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (SIP). The three issues related to the proposed revisions are:

- Allow for Water Effects Ratio (WER) to be established as part of the permit process;
- Eliminate the reasonable potential trigger for situations where ambient background concentrations are greater than criteria; and
- Clean-up non-regulatory language.

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to provide a forum for early public consultation on the proposed revisions to the SIP. It serves to assist the SWRCB in determining the scope and content of the environmental information Responsible and Trustee Agencies, as well as other interested parties, may require. Scoping is helpful to the SWRCB in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects to be analyzed in depth and in eliminating from detailed study those issues found not to be important. Scoping has been found to be an effective way to bring together and resolve the concerns of affected federal, state, and local agencies, the proponent of the action, and other interested persons including those who might not be in accord with the action on environmental grounds.

An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/. A teleconference line has also been arranged for members of the public to participate by phone. The call-in number is (916) 255-4044. The conference line can accommodate a maximum of 30 callers. If there is an issue of significant importance to you or your organization, it is strongly recommended that a representative attend the meeting in Sacramento.

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AVAILABLILITY OF THE PROPOSED SIP REVISIONS

An informational document on the proposed SIP revisions may be obtained via the Internet on the SWRCB web site at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/iswp/. You may also receive a copy by writing or calling: Jan Hisao, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100, (916) 341-5568, FAX: (916) 341-5584, email: hisaj@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

DWQ will accept both written and oral suggestions on the scope and content of the environmental information which should be included in the FED. Comments should be limited to the three identified issues and should help in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and potential significant effects to be analyzed in depth in the FED and in eliminating from detailed study issues found not to be important. Written comments should be submitted to: Dena McCann, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100, FAX: (916) 341-5584, email: mccad@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov. All comments are due by November 12, 2004.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

There is a parking garage across from the Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building with entrances on 10th and 11th Streets between "I" and "J" Streets, and metered parking spaces are in the vicinity of the building. For a map, see our web site at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm. The facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Adrian Perez at (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the public scoping meeting date. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice 1-800-735-2929, Voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922.

All visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to attending any meeting in the building. The Visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the Cal/EPA Building's public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance to proceed to the Sierra Hearing Room.

Date: October 13, 2004